constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Sadiq Ali for restoration of Valmiki Bhawan Complex, Mandir Marg, New Delhi where Gandhiji used to stay.

(iii) A Concept Committee has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Governor of Bihar for restoration of Champaran and neighbouring estates as well as improvement of Sadaqat Ashram in Patna.

Statement 'C

A Statement Referred to in Answer to Part (C) of the Unstarred Question No. 576 for Answer on 1-12-1995 in the Rajya Sabha

Installation of Mahatma Gandhi's Statue at India Gate

The decision that the statue of Mahatma Gandhi should 'be installed on 2-10-1995 to mark the conclusion of the celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was taken by the Steering Committee for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Quit India Movement held on 22-12-94, under the Chairmanship of the then Minister of Railways. The question of locating a suitable site for the installation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the proposed August Kranti Udyan, namely the 'C Hexagon around India Gate is still under consideration and no final decision has been taken. The following two alternative locations for installation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi had been referred by this department for consideration of the Cabinet:—

(i) Whether the statue of Mahatma Gandhi should be installed on the central axis at a suitable distance from the existing canopy, which may be retained as it is by erecting a suitably designed column and pedestal in consonance with the existing architectural features of India Gate in form and colour; or

(ii) Whether the existing canopy roof, alongwith its four supporting pillars be removed and the statue of Mahatma Gandhi be installed at the said site, on a suitable stone pedestal, whose design would match the colour and composition of the existing stone work at India Gate.

However, the Cabinet Note was withdrawn as, in the meantime a writ petition (CWP No. 2725/94) had been filed in the Delhi High Court by the Conservation Society of Delhi and INTACH against the alleged proposal to remove the canopy. The Delhi High Court has passed an order restraining the Union of India, the respondents, from altering, mutilating or demolishing the canopy. The matter is, therefore, subjudice.

The work of preparation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi has been entrusted to Shri C.R.S Patnaik, sculptor stationed at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The work of preparation of the statue is in progress.

Permission to IDPL to Dispose Off Surplus Land

577. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted IDPL to dispose off its surplus land to bring down its losses;

(b) whether he has recently visited the premises of IDPL;

(c) if so, the details of bottlenecks found in the functioning of IDPL; and

(d) the concrete steps taken, by Government to revamp the functioning of the IDPL units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) In terms of the existing revival package, approved by the Government and the BIFR, IDPL is supposed to generate funds through sale

of surplus land for meeting a part of the capital expenditure.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers recently visited the formulation plant of IDPL at Gurgaon with a view to acquiring, primarily, the knowledge about the work environment and problems in general of the workers/employees and the management.

(d) IDPL is currently implementing a revival package approved by the BIFR. The revival period is for 10 years and the plan envisages, *inter-alia,* higher production/sales, reduction in the manpower cost, business restructuring etc.

पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में एकीकृत डेरी विकास परियोजनाएं

578. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** :

चौधरी हरमोहन सिहं :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में " आपरेशन फ्लड" के अलावा एकीकृत डेरी विकास परियोजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन प्रभावी रूप से निगरानी में समर्थ नहीं रहा हैं;

(ख) यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं;और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान इस योजना की राज्य-वार प्रगति क्या रही हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (**श्री मोहम्मद अयूग खान**): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) वर्ष 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 के दौरान अनुमोदित परियोजनाओं के प्रमुख घटकों की राज्यवार प्रगति का ब्यौरा अनुपत्र के रूप में दिया गया हैं। [देखिये परिशिष्ट 175. सं .11] वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान कोई परियोजना मंजूर नहीं की गई ।

दालों के उत्पादन हेतु आस्ट्रेलिया से प्राप्त प्रस्ताव

579. **श्री सोमपाल** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को भारत के लिए पूर्व निधार्रित सौदे के अनुसार दालों का उत्पादन किये जाने के लिए आस्ट्रेलिया से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं;

(ग) भारत की दीर्घकालीन कृषि एवं खाद्य स्थिति पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ने की संभावना हैं; और

(घ) इस प्रस्ताव पर सरकार द्वारा क्या निर्णय लिया गया हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (**श्री अरविन्द नेताम**) : (क) से (घ) आस्ट्रेलिया के साथ ऐसे किसी सौदे को अन्तिम रूप से नहीं दिया गया हैं।

Scheme for giving subsidy to Palm Oil Farmers

580. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for giving subsidy to palm oil farmers;

(b) if so, what are the States which have benefited by this scheme and whether Kerala is a state which has benefited by this scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons for denying this benefit to the farmers of Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir, under Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP) subsidy is given to Oil Palm farmers for inputs, planting material and for installation of drip irrigation system.

(b) The States benefitted by this scheme are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Gujarat, Orissa, Assam, Tripura and Kerala.

(c) In view of answer at part (b) above, question does not arise.

[581. *(Cancelled)].*